GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1051
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FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS TRAVANCORE LTD
K. MURALEEDHARAN

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that number of employees loosing their jobs in fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT), a Central PSU in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any measures for the protection of employees working in FACT, Cochin; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b):No, Sir. However, as the company is continuously making losses, it has to resort to cost cutting measures for sustaining its operations. These measures include rationalisation of manpower by offering Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to surplus employees. Further, the operations of ammonia-urea plant of Cochin Division of FACT have become economically unviable necessitating suspension of its operations. Hence, the company have filed an application with Government of India for layoff of surplus workmen of this plant.

(c) & (d):The course of action being adopted by the management of the company for rationalising the manpower is strictly in accordance with Government policies.